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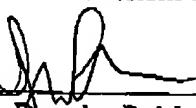
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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Species V (Fig. 11) in response to the Election of Species Requirement of March 1, 2004. Claims 68, 70, 73 and 74 read upon the elected species. Please amend the claims as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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